

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action mailed on January 26, 2007. Claims 17 and 41-53 were pending in that action. All claims were rejected. With the present response, claims 17, 41, 43-45, 47-50 and 53 are amended. The remaining claims are unchanged. For reasons that will be described in detail below, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C §101 stating that the claim element “a term database” must be claimed as being stored in a physical storage. Further, on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112 stating again that the claimed “term database” should be claimed as being on a storage medium.

In response to the rejections of claim 17 under §101 and §112, Applicant has amended claim 17 to clarify that the claimed term database is stored on a computer-readable storage medium. It is respectfully pointed out that there is abundant support for this amendment in Applicant's specification. On pages 9-17 of the specification, Applicant describes, in detail, an example of a suitable computing system environment in which embodiments of the claimed invention may be implemented. At least on page 10, lines 14-26, page 11, lines 15-30 and page 13, lines 25-30, it is specifically pointed out that storage media associated with the computer one pin can include data structures, program modules or other data. Thus, the computer environment provided as an example for implementation of the embodiments most definitely supports storage of the claimed term database on a computer-readable storage medium. For at least these reasons, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 17 under §101 and §112 is respectfully solicited.

Also on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted potential informalities in claims 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 53. In response, Applicant has amended these claims to overcome what the Examiner perceived as being issues of informalities. In light of these amendments, withdrawal of these rejections under §112 is respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding issues have been addressed and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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